**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— That is the main reason.

**Mr. C. R Iyyunni:**— Are there not any other institutions where the strength is enormous?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— I want notice.

## Consumption of alcoholic drink.

**237. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the consumption of alcoholic drink has increased or decreased in the last 5 years in the State and to what extent it has been increased or decreased ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— The consumption of arrack in 1105 was 51,272 proof gallons. In 1109 it was only 23,937 proof gallons.

There is a decrease of 27,345 proof gallons.

There is an increase of 7,605 gallons (bulk) of foreign liquor in 1109 over the figures for 1108.

The records prior to 1108 were destroyed.

As regards toddy there are no records to show how much quantity was consumed in each year.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Sir, may I know whether the number of trees licensed for tapping toddy increased?

**Mr. M P. Cherian:**— There is a decrease.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— May I know the decrease in the number of trees?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— In 1105 the number of trees tapped was 79, 240. In 1109 number was 61, 190.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Will the Hon'ble Member for Excise kindly tell me what they intend to do to check this bad habit ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— We have already explained in this House our Excise policy in the State.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— What is that ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— Temperance with a view to gradual prohibition.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Are you following that policy?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**—There has been no failure.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— You do not seem to make the position clear.

**Mr. President:**— The Hon'ble Member cannot carry on a conversation in this manner. I understand that he has been in this House for a long time and still he is the only Member who acts in this way. All remarks by any Member of this House must be addressed to the Chair. The Hon'ble Member cannot address the Hon'ble Member for Government in the second person.

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**Mr. Shabdai S. Koder**:— Are the Government aware that the drinking of intoxicants however is a necessary evil which cannot be avoided ?

**Mr. George Parakkal**:— Will the Government give us the number of State Garden Parties held during the year?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian**:— I want notice.

**Mr. K. Ayyappan**:— Is the practice of Government to destroy Government records?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian**:— There are certain rules relating to the destruction of public records. Under these rules some have to be retained for ever, some kept for three years, four years, six years and so on.

## Separate building for Smithy work—G. I. School, Narakkal.

**238. Mr. George Parakkal**:— Will the Government be pleased to state if a separate building has been provided for Smithy work in the Government Industrial School, Narakkal; if not, will the Government consider the urgent necessity for such a building to minimise danger of fire ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— No action is being taken to cover the roofing with corrugated iron sheets for the present.

**Mr. George Parakkal**:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that the weaving section is also working in the same building ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— Yes.

**Mr. George Parakkal**:— Is it not risky to carry on the two in the same building ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— A small partition has now been put up to separate the two sections. A separate building for the smithy section is also engaging the attention of the Government.

**Mr. George Parakkal**:— Will the Government be pleased to facilitate the work as soon as possible?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— Yes.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon**:— Does not the Government know that warmth is bad for weaving ?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— Certainly.

## Text books—complaint in the supply of.

**239. Mr. P. Raman Menon**:— Have the Government received complaints from school authorities, book-sellers, or guardians of students regarding the want of sufficient supply of text books in time or their high prices ?

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